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**Academic Appointments**

2023– Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California

2020–2023Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University

**Education**

**Ph.D.** Sociology, University of Chicago, 2020

Committee: Anna Mueller (co-chair), Kristen Schilt (co-chair), and Robert Vargas

Dissertation Title: *The Deserving Pain: How Hospitals Structure Medical Decision-Making Around Pain Management*

\*Honorable Mention, Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

**M.A.** Sociology, University of Chicago, 2014

**B.A.** Sociology (with honors), Barnard College, 2011, *cum laude*

**Research Interests**

Medical sociology; work, organizations, and occupations; economic sociology; social inequalities; race, gender, and class; qualitative methods; sociological theory

**Publications**

\*\* denotes student co-author

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Brewer, Alexandra. Accepted. “Flexible Austerity: Negotiating the Unequal Effects of Resource Shortages in Racialized Organizations.” *American Sociological Review*.

* Winner, Louise Johnson Scholar Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology
* Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Nelson, Laura, Alexandra Brewer, Anna S. Mueller, Daniel O’Conner, Arjun Dayal, and Vineet Arora. 2023. “Taking the Time: The Implications of Workplace Assessment for Organizational Gender Inequality.” *American Sociological Review* 88(4): 627-55.

Brewer, Alexandra. 2023. “Painful Feelings: Opioids as Tools for Avoiding Emotional Labor in Hospital Work.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 64(3): 386-400.

* Winner, 2024 Donald W. Light Award for Applied Medical Sociology

Brewer, Alexandra, Laura Nelson, Rebecca Ewert, Anna Mueller, Arjun Dayal, Daniel O’Connor, and Vineet Arora. 2023. “Gender and Inconsistent Evaluations: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Feedback for Emergency Medicine Residents.” *The Western Journal of Emergency Medicine* 24(5): 847-854.

* Featured in the American Academy of Emergency Medicine Insights Newsletter

Brewer, Alexandra, Melissa Osborne, Anna Mueller, Arjun Dayal, Daniel O’Conner, and Vineet Arora. 2020. “Who Gets the Benefit of the Doubt? Performance Evaluations, Medical Errors, and the Production of Gender Inequality in Emergency Medicine Resident Education.” *American Sociological Review* 85(2): 247-70.

* Honorable Mention, Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology
* Finalist, Organization and Management Theory Best Published Paper Award, Academy of Management

Brewer, Alexandra. 2018. “’We Were on Our Own’: Mothers’ Experiences Navigating the Fragmented System of Professional Care for Autism.” *Social Science & Medicine* 215: 61-8.

**Under Review**

Moyer, Sidnee\*\* and Alexandra Brewer. “From Feeling to Function: How Pain Specialists Assess Patients Using New Best-Practices Guidelines.”

**Manuscripts in Progress**

Brewer, Alexandra. *Painful Solutions: Race, Pain, and the Administrative Gaze in Healthcare*. Book Manuscript.

Brewer, Alexandra. “Will Climate Change Exacerbate Racial Health Disparities?”

Brewer, Alexandra. “No Place Like Home? Navigating Hospital Discharge for Highly Disadvantaged Patients”

**Book Reviews**

Book Review of *Spaces on the Spectrum: How Autism Movements Resist Experts and Create Knowledge* by Catherine Tan. *Social Forces*. (accepted)

**Fellowships and Grants**

2022 Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University ($6,000)

2022 Summer Research Fund, Wake Forest University ($6,000)

2021 Academic and Community Engagement (ACE) Fellowship, Wake Forest University ($2,000)

2021 URECA Fund for Facilitating Faculty-Student Scholarship ($4,000)

2021 CRADLE VIII Initiative Fellowship, Wake Forest University ($5,000)

2021 Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University ($6,000)

2021 Center for Bioethics, Health, and Society Grant, Wake Forest University ($6,000)

2021 Classroom Speaker Grant, Humanities Institute, Wake Forest University ($500)

2020 Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University ($3,000)

2019 University of Chicago Social Science Division Dissertation Fellowship ($27,000)

2019 ASA Student Forum Travel Grant ($250)

2018 Charles R. Henderson Fund Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago ($3,000)

2018Research Travel Grant from the Orin Williams Fund, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago ($3,000)

2018Lee Travel Grant, Society for the Study of Social Problems ($75)

2018 Center for the Study of Race, Culture, and Politics Graduate Research Grant,

University of Chicago ($1,500)

2018 Society for Social Research Travel Grant ($200)

2018 Travel Grant, Impairment in the Social World, Columbia University ($150)

2017 American Journal of Sociology Dissertation Fellowship ($20,000)

**Honors**

2022 Honorable Mention, Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2021 Finalist, Organization and Management Theory Best Published Paper Award, Academy of Management

2021 Honorable Mention, Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2019 Louise Johnson Scholar Award, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section

2019 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

2019 Chicago Ethnography Incubator Graduate Student Fellow, University of Chicago

2018-9 Robert Park Lectureship, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

2011 Graduation with Distinction (cum laude), Barnard College

2011 Honors in Sociology, Barnard College, 2011

**Conference Presentations**

“Uncovering the Race Behind ‘Medical Waste’: Cost-Cutting Pressures as Racialized Structures in U.S. Hospitals”

* Eastern Sociological Society Mini-Conference on Racialized and Gendered Organizations, Washington D.C., March 1, 2024

“Simple, Crappy Cases: Dismissing the Educational Value of Pain Patients on the Teaching Service”

* Eastern Sociological Society Mini-Conference on Health Professions’ Education, Baltimore, February 24, 2023

“Painful Feelings: Opioids as Tools for Avoiding Emotional Labor in Hospital Work”

* Sociological Research Jamboree, August 2, 2022
* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 8, 2022

“From Resource Shortages to Austerity Policies: Opioids, Race, and Medical-Decision Making”

* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 9, 2021

“Gender and Inconsistent Evaluations: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Feedback for Emergency Medicine Residents”

* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 7, 2021
* Society for Social Studies of Science, Toronto, October 8, 2021

“Moralizing the Opioid Shortage: Race, Pain, and Resource Scarcity in an Urban Hospital”

* Inequality Working Group, University of Chicago, February 28, 2019
* Midwest Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 18, 2019
* Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, August 9, 2019
* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 12, 2019

“Errors, Blame, and the Benefit of the Doubt: Examining the Production of Gender Inequality in Emergency Medical Education”

* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13, 2018

“Dangerously Underconfident: Gender and the Cultivation of Professional Role Confidence Emergency Medical Education”

* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13, 2018
* Gender and Sexualities Working Group, University of Chicago. May 8, 2018
* Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago. April 30, 2018

“The Deserving Pain? : Determining Legitimacy of Opioid Use in Sickle Cell Patients”

* Impairment and the Social World Conference, Columbia University. March 22, 2018
* Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago. March 17, 2018
* Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 11, 2018
* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 12, 2018

“Decentralization of Medical Knowledge and the Cost of Coordinating Care”

* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

**Teaching Experience**

**Instructor**

Principles of Sociology (2022, 2023)

Opioids in American Society (2021, 2022)

Sociological Theory (2020, 2021)

Money, Markets, and Medicine (2020, 2021, 2023)

Sociology of Medicine (2019)

Sociology BA Thesis Seminar (research methods for thesis work) (2016-19)

Self, Culture, Society I (undergraduate social theory core sequence) (2015, 2016)

**Teaching Assistant**

Self, Culture, Society I, II, & III (UChicago undergraduate social theory core sequence) (2014-15)

English Teaching Assistantthrough the French Ministry of Education, Argenteuil, France (2011-12)

**Professional and University Service**

2024-5 Nominations Committee Member (elected), Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2024- Colloquium Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California

2023 Donald Light Award Committee Member, American Sociological Association

2023 Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award Committee Member, American Sociological Association

2023-5 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

2022-23 Women Faculty Research Community, Co-Organizer, Wake Forest University

2022 Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award Committee Member, American Sociological Association

2021-3 Speaker Series Committee, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University

2021-2022 Brown Bag Series Committee, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University

2021 Humanities Institute, Faculty Book Proposal Workshop, Wake Forest University

2021- Race, Inequality, and Policy Initiative, Faculty Affiliate

2020-21 New Faculty Writing Workshop, Wake Forest University

2020- Faculty Advisory Board, *Ethnographic Marginalia*

2019-21 Student Representative, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2018-19 Student editor, Medical Sociology Newsletter, American Sociological Association

2018 Co-Organizer, Engendering Change Conference, University of Chicago

2017-18 Undergraduate Events Coordinator (PRISM preceptor), University of Chicago

2017-18 Graduate Student Supervisor, *Chicago Journal of Sociology*, University of Chicago

2015-16 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

2014-16 Manuscript Assignment Board, *American Journal of Sociology*

2013-14 Vice President, University of Chicago Society for Social Research

2014 Co-organizer, University of Chicago Spring Institute Conference

Ad hoc reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Problems*, and *Sociological Imagination*

**Languages**

English (native), French (advanced proficiency)